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SUBJ: MODE - DEFENSE ATTACHE OFFICE

REF: A) STATE 017121; B) 76 DACCA 6199

1. AS I STATED IN REFTEL (B) I STRONGLY RECOMMEND THE OPENING OF A DAO IN DACCA AS SOON AS A QUALIFIED CANDIDATE CAN BE FOUND. THE MAJOR RATIONALE IN THAT TELEGRAM REMAINS VALID, I.E., THAT WE NEED THE SORT OF ACCESS TO AND INFORMATION ABOUT THE BANGLADESHI MILITARY WHICH CAN BE PROVIDED BY A DEFENSE ATTACHE AND NO ONE ELSE.

2. I AM AWARE OF THE LEGISLATION WHICH WILL PRECLUDE ATTACHE INVOLVEMENT IN SECURITY ASSISTANCE MATTERS FOLLOWING THE END OF THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR. IF THERE IS NO CHANGE IN THIS LEGISLATION, IT WILL BE NECESSARY FOR THE EMBASSY TO HANDLE FORMAL CONTACTS WITH THE BDG ON THIS SUBJECT THROUGH THE POLITICAL SECTION (AND POSSIBLY WITH ASSISTANCE OF TDY PERSONNEL FROM DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE OR CINCPAC IF REQUIRED). WE ARE PREPARED TO DO THIS. I WOULD, HOWEVER, EXPECT IN-HOUSE INFORMAL ASSISTANCE AND ADVICE FROM THE DEFENSE ATTACHE

ON TECHNICAL MILITARY MATTERS IN THE MANNER I WOULD
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CALL UPON ANY MEMBER OF MY STAFF.

3. I CONCUR IN THE LEVEL AND SIZE OF THE DAO PROPOSER IN REF A, WHICH IS IN LINE WITH MY OWN RECOMMENDATION,

4. TO SPECIFIC QUESTIONS POSED PARAGRAPH 3, REF A:

A) I DO NOT REPEAT NOT RECOMMEND DELAY IN DECISION ON

DAO OFFICE. IT SHOULD BE OPENED AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE.

B) IF THE LEGISLATION IS NOT REPEAT NOT CHANGED, WE WILL

HANDLE SECURITY ASSISTANCE MATTERS WITHIN THE MISSION AS NOW

CONSTITUTED. GIVEN THE SIZE AND NATURE

OF OUR ACTIVITIES, WE DO NOT REPEAT NOT NEED A SEPARATE

OFFICE OF DEFENSE COOPERATION. C) WHEN I INFORM GENERAL

ZIA THAT THE DAO IS BEING ESTABLISHED I WILL GO

OVER WITH HIM ITS EXACT RESPONSIBILITIES. HE WILL WANT THE

OFFICE '(AS I DO) EVEN IF IT CANNOT OPERATE IN THE

FIELD OF SECURITY ASSISTANCE.

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